

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS,
COLUMBUS, MONTANA HELD October 7, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCIL PRESENT OFFICERS PRESENT	The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. Mayor Webb Mandeville began the meeting with the pledge of allegiance. The council persons present were Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, and Danen Johannes. Staff members present were, Fire Chief Rich Cowger, Police Chief Aaron Uecker, Public Works Director Peyton Brookshire, City Attorney Ryan Addis, and Clerk-Treasurer Cherrie McAlexander.
SIDELINE IN PERSON	Jenn Battles and guest, Richard and Becky Sidwell, Charlie Denison, and Tim Hafla
PUBLIC HEARING	The mayor opened the public hearing on solid waste rate increase at 7:00 p.m. The mayor asked if there was any public comment two times. There was no public comment. The mayor closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.
REGULAR MINUTES APPROVED	The mayor asked the council if they had reviewed the minutes of the September 23, 2024, regular meeting, and if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting, seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Tim Mayo abstained from voting due to missing last council meeting. Motion passed.
SHUT OFF LIST	NONE
APPROVAL OF CLAIMS	The claims list for the 2 nd half of September was presented to the Council. Rick White made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, and Danen Johannes all yea votes. Motion passed.
PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS	Jenn Battles, Co-director of Domestic and Sexual Violence Services read a Proclamation claiming that October 2024 is Domestic Violence Awareness Month for Stillwater County and the City of Columbus.
FIRE DEPT.	The Fire Chief was present and provided a report.
POLICE	The Police Chief was present and provided a report.
PUBLIC WORKS	The Public Works Director was present and provided a report.
ATTORNEY	The City Attorney was present and provided a report.
CITY JUDGE	The City Judge was not present and did not provide a report.
CLERK-TREASURER	The Clerk-Treasurer was present and provided a report.
PUBLIC COMMENT ON CURRENT AGENDA ITEMS:	Tim Halfa asked if the public hearing was about the water and sewer rates. The mayor explained that the public hearing was over the solid waste rates for the city. Tim asked if the garbage rates were handled by the garbage company. The mayor explained that the city contracts with MacKenzie Disposal. The rates are set by them, and the city passes the rates onto our customers. Landfill cost from Mackenzie have increased substantially which has created rates to go up. Tim stated that his entire bill from the city has doubled since 2019. He noticed a lot more brown yards around town this summer due to families not being able to

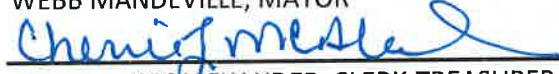
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	afford to water. Tim stated that things are looking pretty bleak with the mine situation and the rates always going up.
COMMITTEE REPORTS-	NONE
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	Approval of Resolution 858-2024 for the City to increase Solid Waste Charges. Dennis Holten made a motion to waive the reading, seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Approval of Special Use Permit for the Columbus Homecoming Parade on October 18, 2024 at 4p.m. Cole Waltner made a motion to approve the permit, seconded by Danen Johannes; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval to advertise the Public Hearing announcement for the Conditional Use Permit from Performance Engineering to develop a Town Pump. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the advertisement, seconded by Cole Waltner; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of the Advertisement for Bids for the UV upgrade for the City of Columbus. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the advertisement, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Task Order 24-01 for Engineering West to furnish engineering services for the Well Project for the City of Columbus in the amount of \$135,700.00. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the Task Order, seconded by Rick White; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of proposal from Interstate Engineering to collect imagery for the GIS System in the amount of \$13,000.00. Dennis Holten made a motion to approve the proposal, seconded by Tim Mayo; roll call for vote, Rick White, Dennis Holten, Tim Mayo, Cole Waltner, Danen Johannes, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p> <p>Approval of Professional Service Agreement with the City of Columbus and Jares Fence Co. in the amount of \$6,579.00 for fence repairs at Granite Peak Park. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Cole Waltner. Danen asked what areas of fencing needed repaired at Granite Peak, Peyton Brookshire gave location of repairs. Roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.</p>

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	Approval of Resolution of Intent Amending the FY23/24 Budget. Rick White made a motion to waive the reading, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed. Tim Mayo made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Dennis Holten; roll call for vote, Danen Johannes, Cole Waltner, Tim Mayo, Dennis Holten, Rick White, all yea votes. Motion passed.
COMMENTS NOT ON THE AGENDA	Cole Waltner stated that he had received a few phone calls asking if it was possible to add cross walks to Pike Ave by the railroad crossing. The mayor stated that we have no rights because that is a state highway. Peyton Brookshire did state that the state has moved up the project of fixing that intersection. Cole and Tim both stated that the tennis and basketball courts look great. Cherrie stated that someone had come into City Hall asking if we had nets and equipment to paly pickle ball.
ADJOURNMENT	Webb Mandeville requested a Motion to Adjourn. Rick White made the motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. seconded by Dennis Holten, roll call all yea votes.


WEBB MANDEVILLE, MAYOR


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